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1. Zatec military airfield is located near the Prague-Chomutov highway about five kilometers west of Postoloprty. It has three concrete runways, the longest of which is about 1,600 m long and 20 m wide. In 1949 reinforced concrete underground hangars were built near the runways, reportedly to house jet airplanes.* A single-track rail spur connects the field with Postoloprty. In 1949 military casernes were erected for an unknown military unit not far from the field. The field is now guarded by military sentries. A reinforced concrete building about 60 m by 30 m in size is used as a garage and workshop. The meteorological station consists of a wooden tower about six meters high.

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2. In February 1951 six twin-jet planes were observed at the field. The engines are located under the wings close to the fuselage. The flying speed of these planes is about 900 kilometers per hour and the landing speed is about 300 kilometers per hour.

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Attachment: Sketch of Zatec Airfield

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